

Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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PRE-PROGRAM

After he lead us in the P of A, **MIKE COUCH** was commended for his passion for - and outstanding efforts on behalf of - Palo Alto Rotary youth programs. He blushed a bit. **IRIS KOROL** introduced guest and school board candidate Ken Dauber; **DICK BUSH** introduced friend and neighbor Rick Mamelok; **ED DANGLER** introduced Nancy Chan; **STEVE MADSEN** introduced Richard Keller; and **OLIVER COOLIDGE** introduced he-who-needed-no-introduction, Rick Raybin. Soon to be departing from the Club for points Oregonia, **BILL BETHKE** was also spotted in the crowd.

In Opening Remarks, **JULIE JEROME** found a way to make the 40th anniversary of Richard Nixon's pardon relevant to us all. She pointed out that one of the causes of Nixon's downfall was his inclination to consider those that disagreed with him to be his enemies, a characteristic of those in control of power in non-democracies. A democracy, on the other hand, provides us with the opportunity (obviously not guaranteed nor always taken advantage of) to consider those with opinions different that our own as simply current opponents, rather than enemies; opponents to negotiate with, perhaps even learn from, rather than enemies to be done away with. Somehow it doesn't always seem to work that way. But it's sure worth keeping in mind. Thanks Julie.



Announcements included **LEE PFAB** encouraging everybody to come to **MIKE COUCH's** for a New Member Social from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday, 9/18; **PRESIDENT EJ** mumbling something about apple crisp; and **NINA MOORE** commending **BRUCE GEE** for his exemplary work for the Club, this time for the Vocational Service Committee.

President's club contributions started with **DICK BUSH** re-commending



BILL BUSSE and his craftsmen committee for the outstanding work they did in building and installing sun shelters for Greer Park users. **DICK** noticed they were in fact being very well used. And then our member, Palo Alto's City Librarian

MONIQUE ZIESENHENNE announced the long

awaited opening of the Mitchell Park Library, to first be celebrated with a "Come Together" concert on Saturday, September 27th from 3:30 – 8:00pm. Music (6 – 8pm) by the Sun Kings, covering Beatles music of 50 years ago.



STEVE EMSLIE started Rotary Foundation Month by reminding all of us that we were a part of a 1.2 million member international organization that makes very efficient use of our donations to ease suffering and enhance the quality of life around the world. And to boot, during this campaign, your donation to The Rotary Foundation will earn twice the number of points toward the admirable objective of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

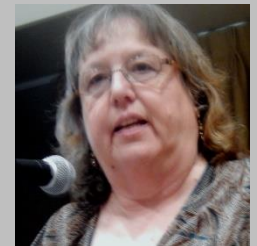
Ten PA Rotarians enjoyed a vocational visit to Stanford Hospital on Sept. 3rd. A great tour, with too much information to convey here, but the overriding takeaway for all who went: we are so fortunate to have a community resource that combines state-of-the-art medical care and state-of-the-art medical caring. Great medicine, great people. Thank you, **ANDY COE**, for arranging it.

Our gang: **BILL BUSSE, LYLE CONNELL, ED DANGLER, TERRY FATEHI, GLORIA HOM, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, MEL MATSUMOTO, DARYL SAVAGE, DAVE SMULLIN, JIM SUTHERLAND.**



PROGRAM

SHERRI SAGER introduced our guest speaker for today's program. Mary Walden is a Bay Area native, USD graduate, and prominent real estate broker as an Associate Vice President for Cassidy Turley. She was



recently nominated by the Silicon Valley Business Journal as one of the most Influential Women of Silicon Valley. And she has published a delightful new book, Silicon Valley: The History in Pictures. Four hundred photos, artfully taken from old advertisements and post cards, accompany interesting historical data verified by The Silicon Valley Historical Association. It makes a unique and very attractive book. She gave us a delightful taste, including the influence of brothels and beer halls on the development of Palo Alto's two downtowns, the snippet that 'if all the companies that were founded by Stanford graduates joined together they would represent the 10th largest economy in the world,' and the assertion that the concept of collaboration began in the Wagon Wheel bar. In Q&A, our informed membership responded with additional historical anecdotes; from HP's lettuce thinner, to Fred Terman's napping habits, and to how the collateralizing of Jane Lathrop Stanford's jewels saved the University.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 15 meeting: WALT HAYS: World Community Service

September 18 5:30-7:30 pm., Club Social Event, Honoring New

Members, at the home of Past President MIKE COUCH

September 22 meeting: Palo Alto City Council Candidates Forum

September 20 Rotary Day at the A's, contact Mike Baird for tickets

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September 29 World Community Service.2: speaker TBD

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